

New Mexico Secretary of State IT Projects & Status

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Primary Functions of the SOS

- The SOS has two distinct areas in which it must carry out its constitutional and statutory mandates:
 - Elections & Ethics Oversight of the statewide election process to include providing the statewide voter registration and election management systems, ballot tabulation equipment, ballots, and other printed election material for the 33 counties across the state as well as oversight of the Governmental Conduct Act.
 - Business & Corporate Services Recording and maintaining records vital to the interest of commerce and industry such as limited liability partnership registrations, corporate registrations, trademarks, uniform commercial code (UCC) filings, service of process, notary public registrations, and agricultural liens.

Current Large Project IT Initiatives

- NMBFS (NM Business Filing System)
 - Consolidates system for all SOS business services
 - SOS Business Portal features online transactions and searches
 - \$1.215M authorized in FY13
 - Project estimated to be complete by December 2015
- IRIS (Integrated Reporting and Integrity System)
 - Replace the current statewide Voter Registration System and a number of other disparate election related software components used by 33 county clerk offices
 - Based on system used in South Dakota benefits of "from scratch" development without high cost
 - \$1.4M authorized for FY16-17 to complete the project

Business Services - Problem

• Customer Service is impacted daily

- Data integrity issues; i.e. Notary Renewal Date = 1/1/301
- Lack of system controls; i.e. duplicate UCC filing numbers allowed
- Unidentified system lockouts
- Inability to perform end of day cash closeout on money receipted
- Labor intensive efforts making documents available to the public

Timely and costly recovery if failure occurs

- Failure of 15+ year old Novell environment would be catastrophic legacy 16-bit hardware and software would be required for recovery of existing application
- Pervasive databases, batch and COBOL files are not easily ported to a modern Window architecture requires data conversion and re-writing application

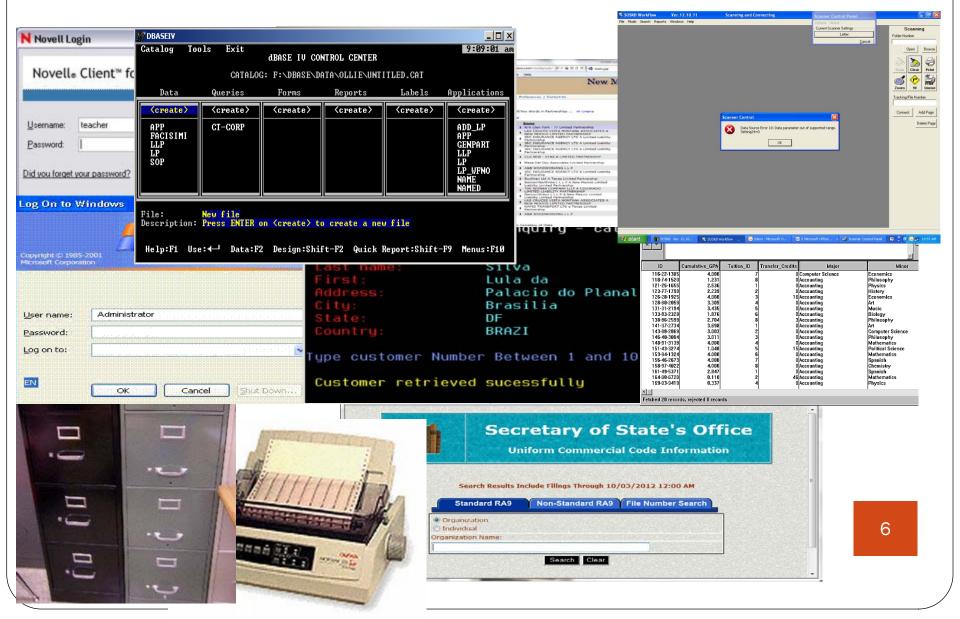
Overly complex and difficult to support IT environment

- Disparate network operating systems Legacy Novell and Windows TCP/IP
- Mixed database platforms Legacy Pervasive and multiple SQL Server versions
- Mixed development platforms COBOL, VB client/server, WordPerfect macros, DOS batch files
- Mixed imaging medias Bound book volumes, file cabinets, microfilm, digital
- No documentation on current systems
- Reactive support from IT staff time intensive

NMBFS - Solution

- Replace a number of disparate, legacy, undocumented, unsupported, and/or failing systems with a single modernized software solution.
- Implement a consistent revenue collection and receipting process.
- SOS Business Portal Increase online transaction capability and self service access to public records single customer access point
- Implement a proven solution used in other states customized for NM
- Improve data integrity, system controls, system reliability and system uptime

Business Filing – Then....



Business Filing - Now...



NMBFS - Project Status

- Completed Modules:
 - Notary Public Commissions online and paper transactions
 - Apostille Certificates
 - Service of Process Summons and Complaints
 - Facsimile Signature Filings
 - Agriculture Lien Filings
 - Uniform Commercial Code Filings online and paper transactions
 - Trademarks and Service Marks Registrations online and paper transactions
 - Partnerships online and paper transactions
- In Progress:
 - Corporate/Limited Liability Company Filings To be completed in the last quarter of 2015

Elections - Current Problem

- 17 Disparate election systems and various support vendors not meeting the needs of the SOS and 33 county clerks
- Many manual processes and duplicate efforts for data exchange between the different systems
- Significant reliance on vendor support
- Inflexible software with expensive maintenance and enhancement costs
- Voting Convenience Centers do not fit the current software capability

IRIS - Accomplishments To Date

IRIS software modules completed and used for the 2014 Primary & General Elections with 100% adoption by the county clerk offices:

- Mock Election Capability End to End Election Testing
- **Statewide Candidate Filing** captures candidates filing at SOS or county level to appear on ballot and publishes information to a public website in real-time.
- Automated Ballot Exports (Load Files)— race and candidate data are captured in a centralized location allowing for easy export to ballot printer vendors for creation of paper ballots and programming of ballot tabulation equipment. This reduces misspellings and other errors in the ballot creation process.
- **Public Results Reporting** public election results reporting allows for easy tracking of race results with drill down capability to review results at state, county, and precinct level.
- **Results Canvassing** centralized system allows county and state officials to validate election results and provide reports to auditors and county and state canvass boards. As a result of IRIS, the 2014 Primary Election audit report published by the statewide independent audit firm contained **zero audit findings** for the first time in recorded history.
- Statewide Recount Results Capture

Benefits of IRIS Already Realized

Benefits of SOS IRIS Election System	
Beneficiary	Benefits
Secretary of State	 Streamlined election reporting results Statewide automated on-line candidate filing system Capability to provide election services in a statewide uniform delivery Real-time audit trail for county's data upload Ability to perform end to end testing prior to Election Day
County Clerks	 Capability for counties to import results from the tabulator machines directly into the centralized reporting application Accurate canvassing of results from voting convenience centers by precinct One common application that can be administered uniformly statewide
General Public	 Ability to see all candidate filings in real time on filing days More effective delivery of election night reporting Ability to drill down into election reporting for individual precincts Ability to access statewide candidate portal
State Canvassing Board	 Improve auditing and accountability of results by precinct and vote type Proper canvassing of voting convenience centers Ability to conduct the canvass in a more efficient manner Eliminate canvass errors with a single uniform canvass system for result verification and official reporting
Ballot Layout Programmers	Streamlined and uniform delivery of data for ballot creation and tabulator programming
Media	 Standard precinct level result format for statewide election reporting Real-time access to candidate filing information (multi-county and individual county offices) Associated Press feed available to assist media partners to capture accurate results on election night

IRIS - Project Benefits

- Improved efficiency more automation
- Reduced costs maintenance costs on IRIS are substantially less than other systems it is replacing
- Establish standardization and uniformity in critical election administration areas
- Improved customer satisfaction customized software for NM
- Increased security three factor authentication (user name, password, Yubikey), masking private data from view, increased audit logging of user activities
- Accessibility enhanced delivery of election data to the public
- Cleaner voter rolls IRIS will facilitate address updates and validate addresses upon registration
- Improve system integration where required, integration with other election systems will be included in the design of IRIS to avoid awkward workarounds and incompatibilities that currently exist

IRIS - Next Phase

Full Implementation after the 2016 Presidential Election

- Voter Registration Management
 - Voter Registration and Updates, including Motor Voter, in-person, online, by mail, underage voter registration
 - Image capture (voter registration record, signature, mail, photo)
 - Record Activity\AuditTracking
 - Duplicate Record Management
 - Transfer Management
 - Address Management and Validation
 - Archiving\Purging Requirements

• Election Management

- Election Setup (local, county, state)
- Absentee Vote Tracking
- Early Vote Credit
- Street file and address management (Including existing data cleanup; Melissa data integration)
- Precinct, Political Subdivision, and Jurisdiction Management (including redistricting)
- Polling Place Management (VCC, Hybrid, Traditional)
- Signature\Petition verification

IRIS - Next Phase (cont'd)

Public Access

- Online Registration
- Polling Location Map
- Sample Ballots

Data Exchange

- Electronic Registration Information Center (Cross-State, Deceased, Eligible but Unregistered, In-State Duplicate, and In-State Update)
- Motor Vehicle Division (DL, SSN)
- Department of Health (Deceased check)
- Department of Corrections & Courts (Felon check)
- Electronic Pollbooks

• National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) Compliance

- Initial & Confirmation Mailings
- Purge Process
- National Change of Address (NACOA) Matches

• Enhanced User Roles and Permissions

• State and County

Questions?

Thank you!